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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF NEW ISRAELI KIBBUTZ

- 1. FBIS SEPTEMBER 6 CARRIES FOLLOWING AFP STORY DATELINED JERUSALEM SEPTEMBER 5: QUOTE: A NEW KIBBUTZ OF THE ISRAELI RELIGIOUS COLLECTIVIST MOVEMENT WAS CREATED TODAY IN GUSH ETZION DISTRICT OF THE OCCUPIED JORDAN RIVER WEST BANK, MID-WAY BETWEEN HEBRON AND JERUSALEM, INFORMED SOURCES SAID HERE. THE KIBBUTZ IS THE FIFTH ISRAELI SETTLEMENT IN THE REGION SINCE THE 1967 MIDDLE EAST WAR. UNQUOTE.
- 2. ATHERTON CALLED FOREGOING STORY TO AMBASSADOR DINITZ'S ATTENTION, NOTING THAT WE MIGHT GET PRESS QUERIES AND ASKED WHAT THE FACTS WERE. DINITZ SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED BACK TO SAY THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO JERUSALEM AND HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM US THAT GOI ASSURANCES CONVEYED EARLIER TO AMBASSADOR LEWIS BY DAYAN STILL STOOD -- NAMELY, CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT NOTHING NEW WOULD HAPPEN ON THE SETTLEMENTS FRONT PENDING DAYAN'S VISIT. THIS WAS AUTHORITATIVE GOI STATEMENT AND ANYTHING ELSE WE MIGHT READ OR HEAR WAS SPECULATIVE.

3. NO QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WERE RAISED AT SEPTEMBER 6 NOON BRIEFING. VANCE

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